

APPENDIX A

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date 10-17-88

Social Security Number [REDACTED]

Full name Robert Messersmith

(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address [REDACTED]

City Brooklyn Center

State MN

ZIP 55430

Date of birth 12/42

(This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 45

(To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion [REDACTED]

Nationality [REDACTED]

Occupation Washburn Community College - Minnesota

+ Eastern Kentucky University

Education Human Resources

Weight 190 lbs

Height 6'7"

Race [REDACTED]

Color of hair Black - grey

Color of eyes [REDACTED]

Outstanding characteristics or interests [REDACTED]

Married or single MARRIED

Children [REDACTED]

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name [REDACTED]

Scouting connections:

Unit No. 028260

City St. Cloud MN

State MN

Position SC

Date registered [REDACTED]

Date resigned [REDACTED]

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St. Cloud MN

SC

Special Recognition [REDACTED]

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Alcohol Abuse Misconduct

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SPECIFY THE FACTS THAT LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

Signed [Signature]

Scout Executive

Council CENTRAL MINNESOTA

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May 1, 1989

Mr. David A. Gibbs
Scout Executive
Central Minnesota Council, No. 296

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Robert Messersmith

Dear Dave:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

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ERIN O'RILEY

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3/29/89

Paul-

Per your request and file
re Robert Messersmith.

Regards,

Dave Hubbs



St. Cloud Times

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Former hospital official charged

BY KIRSTEN HAUKEBO

Times Staff Writer

A former St. Cloud Hospital official was charged Monday in Hennepin County District Court with five counts of using minors in a sexual performance.

Robert Messersmith, 46, director of human resources at the hospital until Nov. 18, allegedly took photos of at least nine teen-age boys posed in sexual positions, Brooklyn Center Police detective Cathy Hennessy said.

Police seized four large albums of the pictures when they arrested Messersmith at his Brooklyn Center home in September, she said.

Most of the boys, who ranged in age from 12 to 15, were from Messersmith's neighborhood.

"He met the boys through neighborhood youth groups, the Explorer Scouts, youth hockey and a variety of other sports," Hennessy said.

Messersmith also has three sons who introduced him to some of the boys, she said. His sons apparently were not aware of the photo sessions, however.

Dozens of boys may have posed for Messersmith over several years, Hennessy said.

"I couldn't guess at how many boys were involved. We know of at least nine, and there probably were a lot more than that," she said.

The boys were shown masturbating, or in sexual positions alone and with other boys. Usually, five or six boys were present, Hennessy said.

Many of the incidents took place during boating and camping trips around the state, she said.

The performances allegedly occurred in 1987 and 1988, but Hennessy said there was evidence they had been going on for as long as eight years.

In 1976, Messersmith was placed on two years' probation for sexually assaulting teen-age boys in New Hampshire, according to records in Salem (N.H.) District Court.

He was director of the Salem Boys Club at the time.

Shortly after his conviction, he moved to Minnesota with his wife Jeanette, a native of New England, and their sons.

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Official—

He was hired by St. Cloud Hospital in March 1987, said Mary Downs, public relations director.

Downs said the hospital conducted a background check, but failed to turn up information about his criminal record.

A hospital press release stated Messersmith also had been evaluated by an industrial psychologist and had good references from two previous employers.

He was given a paid medical leave of absence on Oct. 17, after hospital officials learned of his arrest. His employment ended on Nov. 18.

The maximum penalty for using minors in a sexual performance, a felony, is five years in prison and \$10,000. If it's a second offense, the fine could double to \$20,000.

Messersmith was released on his promise to appear in court again on April 17. He also must refrain from contact with any children except his own.

READY FOR FILE

FEB 28 1989

A. GRAVES

February 28, 1989

Mr. David A. Gibbs
Scout Executive
Central Minnesota Council, No. 296

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Robert Messersmith

Dear Dave:

Periodically, we follow up on all our Confidential File cases until we have a complete record of information necessary for refusal of registration anywhere in the country.

Since several months have past, we would like to know if there has been any legal action instituted against Mr. Messersmith. An update of this type would help to strengthen our file and protect the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

CONF028890

November 10, 1988

Mr. David A. Gibbs
Scout Executive
Central Minnesota Council, No. 296

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Robert Messersmith

Dear Dave:

We appreciate the material which you sent us concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful to us and will enable us to identify Mr. Messersmith, should he attempt registration in some other location. A copy of an application or other paper with his signature would also be helpful.

We would like the outcome of this investigation, once it is completed. If he is brought to trial on sexual misconduct, we certainly would like to have newspaper clippings, or court records which would substantiate this and any sentencing which is imposed.

We note that you did not indicate anything for race on the Confidential Record Sheet. We assume he is caucasian, but would like to have this confirmed.

Thanks again for your help in protecting the youth.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

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ERIN O'RILEY

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CENTRAL MINNESOTA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



October 17, 1988

Robert Messersmith

Brooklyn Center MN 55430

Dear Robert,

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that BSA leadership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of leadership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth. Please also understanding that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA leader should be reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Gibbs
Scout Executive

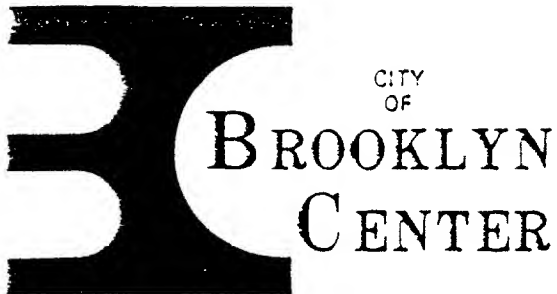
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*Added to CF file
Deleted from reg. file
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BROOKLYN CENTER, MINNESOTA 55430
[REDACTED]

EMERGENCY - POLICE - FIRE

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October 17, 1988

Mr. David Gibbs
Central Minnesota Council
Boy Scouts of America
[REDACTED]

St. Cloud, MN 56303

Re: Case No. JCF88-15768

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

Our police department is currently investigating a sexual-misconduct case involving Robert Messersmith and it has come to our attention that he is involved in a leadership position with a Boy Scout Explorers Post in the St. Cloud area.

We would appreciate a copy of the membership list of the students who belong to the post with whom Mr. Messersmith is involved. This information will be used by our police department only and is needed to determine possible victims in this case.

Sincerely,

Cathy Hennessy

Cathy Hennessy, Investigator
Investigative Division
BROOKLYN CENTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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